

Visitor Guide and Map 2026



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Sleep Under the Stars



Ryan Gouthro

Spend the night in Nova Scotia's only Dark-Sky Preserve!

Choose from non-electrical and electrical campsites, group camping, backcountry campsites or one of three types of roofed accommodations (oTENTik, Oasis or rustic cabins). For more information, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-camping.



All camping and roofed accommodation reservations must be made by calling 1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783) or by visiting reservation.pc.gc.ca.

Pijila'si / Welcome

Come in and find your place at Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site. For generations, people have connected to nature and culture in this landscape of forests, lakes, rivers and the Atlantic Coast.

Kejimikujik is the only national park in Canada that is also designated a national historic site in its entirety. It protects a rich cultural landscape, deeply understood and cared for by the Mi'kmaq for millennia through to today and into the future.

Kejimikujik is also a Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Dark-Sky Preserve. With some of the darkest skies in the Maritimes, it is a spectacular place to view and learn about the night sky.

Located 100 km from the inland site, Kejimikujik National Park Seaside is a coastal wilderness and hiking destination where the power of the Atlantic Ocean is on display.

No matter where you choose to explore, there's a place for everyone at Kejimikujik. This guide is meant to help you find yours.



Elysa Macintosh

Looking For Ideas?

2-Hour Visit – Red Chair Treasure Hunt

Pressed for time but want to discover Kejimikujik in a fun way? Pick up a copy of the Red Chairs Map at the Visitor Centre and see how many sets of red chairs you can find. Have a seat, take a selfie, and at each location, learn what makes that spot special.



2-Hour to Half-Day Visit – Hit the Trails!

Start your adventure at Mill Falls and follow Ukme'k as it twists along the Mersey River, echoing the meaning of its Mi'kmaq name: "ook-may-k," or "twisted." Riders will feel the trail's natural flow and playful features, while hikers drift through quiet forest with the river's rush always close at hand. Ukme'k is where adventure and serenity travel the same path.

Fixit Stations

Two Dero Fixit Plus stations—at Mill Falls (Ukme'k trailhead) and the Mersey River trailhead—offer essential tools and a pump for quick bike repairs.



Enhance your trail experience and geocache your way through Kejimikujik! Download the Geocaching® app to your smart phone. For details on Kejimikujik's caches, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-geocaching. The geocaching offer at Kejimikujik is made possible by a partnership with the Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching.

A Paddler's Paradise

Paddling is a great way to explore Kejimikujik! Dip your paddle and follow the same canoe routes the Mi'kmaq have travelled for thousands of years.

From Jakes Landing:

1. Mersey River (1 to 2 hours)

Head upstream into the peaceful waters of a red maple floodplain. Marsh birds, beaver activity, water lilies and easy paddling make this trip ideal for families or beginners.

2. Kejimikujik Lake – Islands (2 to 3 hours)

Paddle among Kejimikujik Lake's quiet islands, where granite boulders stand like ancient sentinels and windswept pines frame the water. Watch the boulders closely: some say old iron hooks still cling to the rocks, gentle echoes of the region's logging past.



Krista Mosher-Cox

Check weather conditions and paddling routes before heading out on the water. When paddling in Kejimikujik, you must follow Transport Canada's minimum safety equipment requirements based on your boat type and size.

Motorized watercraft are prohibited within Kejimikujik without written Superintendent authorization.

For other tips on staying safe, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-safety.

Do not enter the Petroglyph areas (marked by buoys).

Guided Activities

For more details, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-guided or take a picture of the interpretation schedule when you visit one of our facilities. To register for a program, call 902-682-2772 or stop in at the Visitor Centre.

Petroglyph Tours

The only way to view the petroglyphs is with a Parks Canada guide. In July and August, join a walking tour (free) or a Petroglyph Paddle (paid) in our big canoe to the petroglyph site, weather permitting. Registration is required, and spots fill up quickly. Call or visit the Visitor Centre to register.



Kate Solar

Discover Mi'kmaq Culture

Create, play and connect through hands-on experiences—from flintknapping and quillwork demonstrations to watercolour painting, and the fast-paced fun of Waltes.



Brian Z

Guided Paddles and Hikes

Climb aboard a big canoe or head down a hiking trail and get the inside scoop on all things Kejimikujik. Your personal guides are treasure troves of essential natural and cultural knowledge!

Kejimikujik Stewards



Join the amazing community of people volunteering behind the scenes! There's something for everyone — from fishing in freshwater to looking for plovers by the sea, from watching turtles nest to tending butterfly gardens, from campground hosting to monitoring lakes for LoonWatch. Collect a unique patch for each volunteer activity you do!

To learn more about how to join this special community and make your mark, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-volunteer.



Stay Safe and Keep Wildlife Wild!

- Do not approach or feed wildlife.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times. Off-leash pets may disturb or harm wildlife.
- Avoid attracting wildlife by keeping your campsite clean and by storing food and waste securely at all times. Never store food or any smelly products (e.g. toothpaste, soap, etc.) in your tent.
- If you see a bear, don't run; back away slowly and speak in a soft voice.
- If you see a coyote, don't run; back away slowly, act big and make noise.
- Please report all bear or coyote sightings to staff.

Afternoon Discovery

Kids of all ages can visit us at the beach for a "Creature Feature" and discover some fun facts about flora and fauna.



Evening Experiences

Finish your day with a group campfire experience in Jeremy's Bay Campground. After dark, delve into distant celestial bodies in Nova Scotia's only Dark-Sky Preserve. Weaving together sky lore and modern discoveries, guided programs blend science and storytelling to create an experience as unique as a shooting star.



Prefer a self-guided dark-sky experience? Rent a dark-sky kit from the Visitor Centre. For more details, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-darksky.

Friends of Keji Cooperating Association

Providing for your enjoyment:

- By the Mersey Gift Shop inside the Visitor Centre
- The Tuck Shoppe in Jeremy's Bay Campground. Enjoy ice cream daily! June 28 to August 31 (1 pm to 8 pm)
- Firewood and ice for sale. Inquire at the Campground Kiosk.
- Wi-Fi hotspots outside the Visitor Centre and the Tuck Shoppe.
- Special events and programs such as the Campground Host Program, the annual Friends of Keji Photo Contest, the Commemorative Bench Program and the Pumpkin-Carving Contest and Display on Thanksgiving weekend.

Cash will not be accepted at the By the Mersey Gift Shop or the Tuck Shoppe.



The Friends of Keji also support ecological protection and restoration through an active volunteer program.

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Become a member today and make a difference!

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Plan Your Visit

Kejimikujik has trails and experiences for different needs and abilities. For more information about experiences that may meet your accessibility needs, please contact us at 902-682-2772.

Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site

3005 Main Parkway / Box 236
Maitland Bridge, NS BOT 1B0

Information

Web: parks.canada.ca/kejimikujik
Email: kejimikujik@pc.gc.ca
Visitor Centre: 902-682-2772
National Information Centre: 1-888-773-8888

Camping Reservations (including cancellations/refunds)
reservation.pc.gc.ca
or call 1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783)

Questions or comments?



John MacKinnon

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Police, Fire, Ambulance
911

Overdue/Lost Person, Boating Accident, Park Violations, Wildlife Incidents, Wildfire
Jasper Dispatch: 1-877-852-3100

Basic First Aid, Excessive Noise and Minor Disturbances in the Campground
Visitor Centre: 902-682-2772
Ambassadors/Security: 902-298-0668

Follow the Rules

You are responsible for knowing and following the national park regulations during your visit. For a complete list, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-rules.

- Pets must always be on leash and never be left unattended. Please clean up after your pet.
- Alcohol may only be consumed on registered campsites.
- To learn where you can smoke or vape cannabis or tobacco, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-bulletins.
- Petroglyph areas are closed to the public and require advance booking for tours. To reserve a spot (if available) on our summer Petroglyph Walking Tour or the Petroglyph Paddle, please contact the Visitor Centre.
- It is illegal to operate a drone in Kejimikujik.
- For campground regulations, see **Camping Permit Conditions and Regulations**.
- Backcountry campsites are for registered campers only; please respect their privacy.



Krista Mosher-Cox

Campfires

- Campfires are only permitted in designated fire boxes and must never be left unattended.
- To protect Kejimikujik's forests from invasive insects like the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA), only firewood purchased in Kejimikujik is permitted with some specific exceptions.
- Do not collect wood from the forest.

Provincial Motor Vehicle Legislation applies in Kejimikujik.

- Adhere to all posted traffic signs. The maximum speed limit is 60 km/h, but is lower near kiosks, day-use areas and in the campground.
- It is illegal to ride in the back of a truck.
- Cyclists must wear a bicycle helmet.

Whynot Adventure



Want to explore Kejimikujik but don't know where to start?

Whynot Adventure, Keji's Outfitter since 2013.

A must-visit hub for exploring Kejimikujik. Rent a canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard, bike or camping equipment for self-guided adventures. How about we take the lead? Join one of our daily guided Mersey River Quickie Adventures, a fun, family-friendly 2-hour paddle. Equipment shuttles are available, but must be reserved 24 hours in advance.

Follow the signs to Jakes Landing or book online in advance (recommended)

For reservations: whynotadventure.ca



Take to the Trails

Explore an incredible variety of habitats and scenery on Kejimikujik's 35 km of front-country trails. Travel the 13.5 km from Mill Falls to Merrymakedge almost entirely on trails!

Keep the following in mind so everyone can have an enjoyable and safe trail experience:

- **Share the trail!** Thank you for being courteous to other trail users.
- Yield to pedestrians. Cyclists must wear a helmet at all times.
- Staying on the trail protects trailside vegetation.
- **Take only photographs.** It is illegal to pick, cut down, remove or otherwise cause damage to any natural or cultural resources, including flowers, trees, mushrooms, branches, rocks, artifacts and living things.



Lakeview Café & Eatery



Enjoy hot eats and cool treats on the shores of Kejimikujik Lake! Their menu has something for everyone, from fish & chips and wraps to salads, burgers, fries, milkshakes and more.

Merrymakedge Beach (P4)

Visit their Google Business page for updates and hours of operation.

Questions: helo@lakevieweatery.ca

Fishing

Did you know National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations differ from provincial regulations? Fishing permits are sold at the Visitor Centre and through local vendors. (Season: April 1 - August 31)

New Kejimikujik sportfishing rules

were introduced in 2019 after the invasive chain pickerel was confirmed in Kejimikujik's waters. These new rules continue in 2026:

- All non-invasive fish are catch and release only.
- Mandatory retention of invasive fish (smallmouth bass and chain pickerel).
- Fishing tackle may only include single barbless hooks. Lead jigs are not permitted.
- No person shall use natural bait of any kind, including minnows and earthworms.



Your fishing permit comes with an **Angler Diary** for you to record the amount of time spent fishing, areas fished and the number of fish caught. Please complete and return your diary to help Resource Conservation staff assess chain pickerel abundance, new areas and rate of spread, as well as native fish species abundance and distribution. As a thank you, you'll receive a commemorative Kejimikujik Fish Management Volunteer Researcher crest to wear proudly.

For more information on fishing in Kejimikujik, including where to buy a permit, visit parks.canada.ca/keji-fishing. Interested in fishing-related volunteer opportunities? Visit parks.canada.ca/keji-volunteer

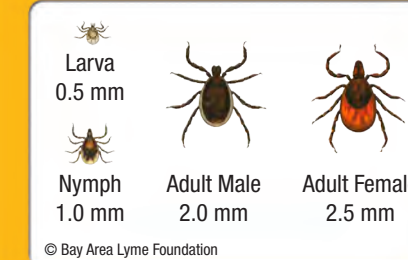
Services and Facilities

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| Warden Office | Swimming |
| Information | Sky Circle |
| Automated External Defibrillator | Campfire Circle |
| Gender-specific Washrooms | Group Camping |
| Gender-inclusive Accessible Washroom | Backcountry Camping |
| Outhouse | Fixit Station |
| Wi-Fi | Canoe Rental |
| Parking | Kayak Rental |
| Sorting Station | Bicycle Rental |
| Pedestrian Bridge | oTENTik |
| Picnic Shelter | Ôasis |
| Picnic Area | Rustic Cabins |
| Lookout | Restaurant |
| Playground | No Dogs |
| | Dogs on Leash Allowed |
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| Hiking Trail: Easy | Backcountry Trail |
| Hiking/Biking Trail: Easy | Portage |
| Hiking/Biking Trail: Moderate | Paved Road |
| | Gravel Road |



Front-country Trails	Distance	Type	Description
1 Mill Falls	2 km return	Linear	Big hemlocks calm the mind. Mill Falls lifts the spirit. <i>Gateway to Ukme'k.</i>
2 Beech Grove	2.2 km	Loop	Head uphill through a beech forest then down hemlock slopes to Mill Falls. <i>Gateway to Ukme'k.</i>
3 Flowing Waters	1 km	Loop	Wander through a wetland and along the banks of the Mersey River. <i>Gateway to Ukme'k.</i>
4 Hemlocks & Hardwoods	5 km	Loop	Travel through old-growth hemlocks, some of which sprouted when the Mi'kmaq were the only people to inhabit this landscape.
5 Farmlands	1.1 km	Loop	Discover the site of a 19th-century farm, built atop a drumlin and since reclaimed by a white pine forest.
6 Rogers Brook	1 km	Loop	Meander through a red maple floodplain, watching for turtles, frogs, birds and beavers.
7 Grafton Woods	2 x 1.6 km	Loops	Amble among towering pines and gnarled beech trees on this two-loop trail. Upper loop is closed until further notice.
8 Snake Lake	3 km	Loop	Explore diverse forests, wetlands and shorelines on this figure-eight trail. A section of the trail is closed until further notice.
9 Peter Point	1.9 km one way	Linear	Pass maples, hemlocks, wetlands and shorelines to arrive at a small but lovely sand beach.
10 Mersey River	3.3 km one way	Linear	Wind your way along the forested riverbanks of this ancient waterway known as "Oqomikikaaq," meaning "a dry, sandy place" in Mi'kmaq. <i>Gateway to Ukme'k.</i>
11 Slapfoot	3.7 km one way	Linear	Skirt the forested shoreline of Kejimikujik Lake for views of iconic islands and points named after local legends.
12 Merrymakedge	2.7 km one way	Linear	Adventure awaits at Merrymakedge: Visit the encampment site, have a dip at the beach and treat yourself at Lakeview Café & Eatery .
13 Ukme'k	6.3 km one way	Linear	Twist and turn with the Mersey River as you weave your way through the landscape. Take it easy or challenge yourself with the optional technical features. Visit parks.canada.ca/keji-ukmek to explore the trail using an ArcGIS StoryMap.
Backcountry Trails	Distance	Type	Description
14 Channel Lake	24 km	Loop	Consult the Kejimikujik Backcountry Guide for details on this wilderness hiking experience.
15 Liberty Lake	56 km one way	Linear	Consult the Kejimikujik Backcountry Guide for details on this wilderness hiking experience.

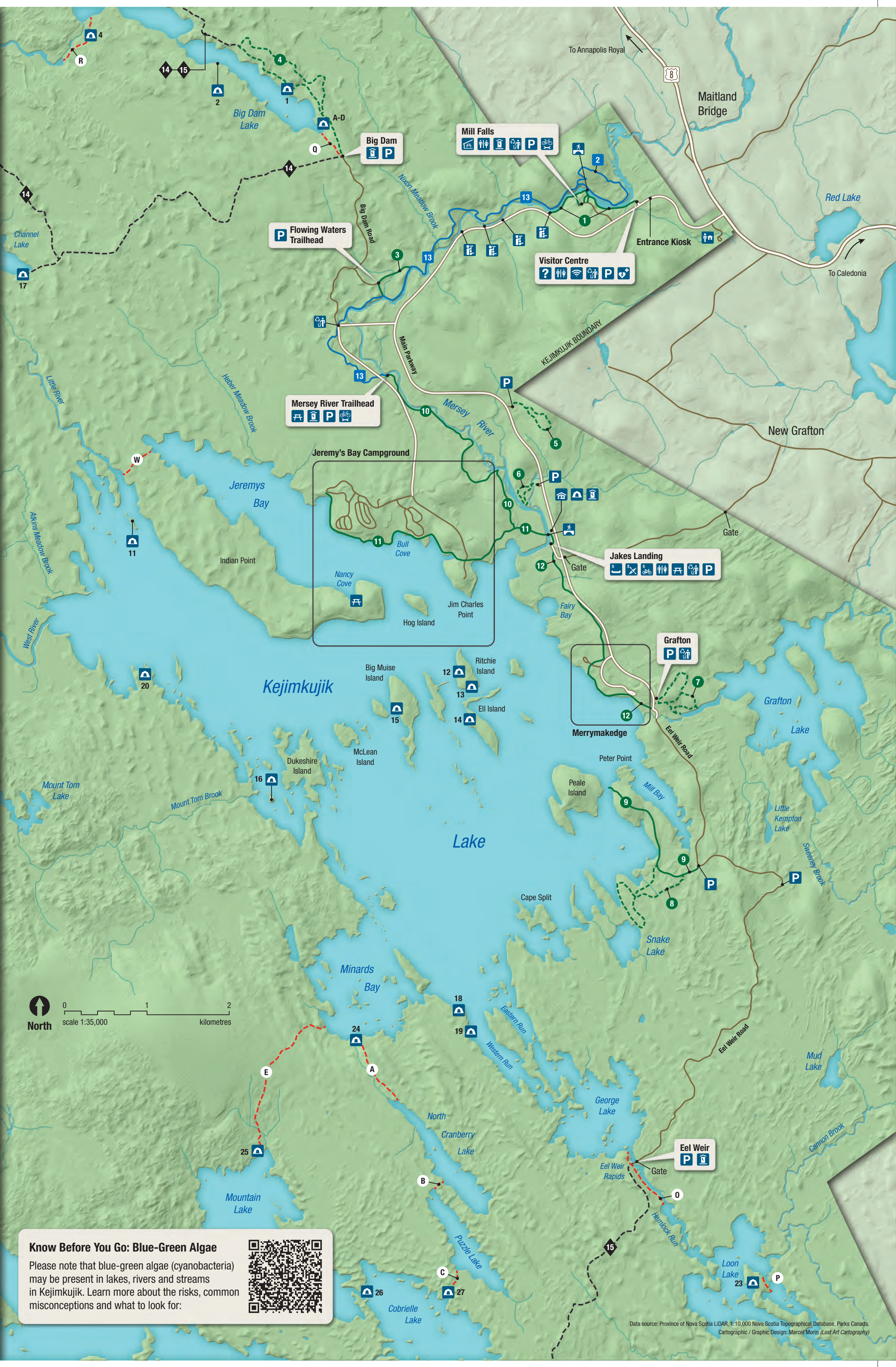
Preventing Tick Bites



Blacklegged ticks are present in Kejimikujik and are known carriers of the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. They are found in most vegetated habitats and are similar in size to a poppy seed as nymphs and to a sesame seed as adults.

Protect Yourself

- **Cover up:** Wear long sleeves and tuck pants into socks to help prevent tick bites.
- **Spray:** Spray feet, ankles and legs with insect repellent.
- **Self check:** Daily checks of yourself, your family and your pets can reduce the risk of infection. If you find an attached tick, follow the Public Health Agency of Canada's guidelines for prompt removal.



Know Before You Go: Blue-Green Algae

Please note that blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) may be present in lakes, rivers and streams in Kejimikujik. Learn more about the risks, common misconceptions and what to look for:

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